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## French Girls Taught Art of Service With Hotel Management

School Started to Show Them How to Restore Homelike Quality and Atmosphere of Old-Time Inns.

**H**OTEL SCHOOLS to train girls to replace men as waiters in Paris, have been started by a group of Frenchmen who do not propose that their country shall lose the \$100,000,000 spent annually by American tourists in the French capital.

Every art by which the expert French garçon wheedles money from the overstuffed wallets of Americans is being taught to these girls, even to the proper arrangement of flowers.

Lessons begin at 9 o'clock each morning. First come details of table service—studied for one hour each day. From 10 o'clock until time for luncheon instruction is given in home management. After luncheon an important feature is the study of French, Russian, and, as a novelty, Russian. Owing to the sudden cementing of the friendship of Russia and France, it is expected that after the war Russians will visit Paris in far greater numbers than before 1914.

**Live at School.**

Once each week the manager of one of the larger hotels speaks on the methods necessary for success in this vocation. Other lectures are given by famous chefs on the planning of hotel cuisine.

Pupils live at the school, which accommodates eighty-four pupils. When it was opened scarcely half that number were in attendance, but others are registering as the fame of the school reaches some of the more remote sections of France.

The cost of the course does not exceed \$5 a month for pupils who board at the school. The building, designed by Alphaud, an architect who has had great success with some of the noted apartment houses of Paris, is not unlike an American hotel in arrangement. The front door of the school opens from a courtyard upon a combination of hall and living room, with comfortable furniture and many bowls of flowers.

The adjoining dining room is sunny

## Working Girls of America Find Employment Making Clothes for War Victims in France

"Saving Vacation Money" Organization Turned by Curious Circumstance to Committee for Relief of Fellow-Victims on Another Continent.

**By FLORENCE E. YODER.**

**T**HE magazines are full of war stories—seemingly written in an attempt to outdo one another in frightfulness, but perhaps none of them are more terrible to read than the actual descriptions of the journey of the wounded from the firing line at the front to some base hospital far in the rear.

Mangled arms which have gone six and seven days without even a first dressing, and countless deaths on the way seem out of place in this day and age. Tales which remind one of the tales of our own civil war are strangely coupled with descriptions of the latest military equipment. And all because of the lack of hospital service directly at the front.

If France is totally robbed of its male population in the future, it will be because of the lack of these hospitals.

But over here in America by a curious circumstance of fate, there has been formed, from a club which originally entered into existence for the purpose of saving vacation money for working girls, a Vacation War Relief Committee, which in its turn has organized a flotilla committee, for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase and transportation of these very hospitals to the French firing line.

**Story of Organization.**

The story of the organization of these working girls four years ago into a club which was designed to help them save money for vacations is a romance in itself, but not as touching perhaps as the results of that formation today.

Guided by Miss Robinson Smith, who is here in the interests of the Flotilla Committee, in 1911, a club of twenty-two working girls began to save 4 cents a month toward their summer vacations.

During the past four years 2,000 have become depositors, and since the first of January, 1915, they have deposited and withdrawn \$18,200. The association is incorporated and is now an integral part of the woman's

## WHAT THEY NEED IN FRANCE---FLOTILLAS

A flotilla or formation costs about \$12,000, and is made up of five small, light motor cars, equipped as follows:

One car carries the portable operating room requiring only two hours to set up.

Another, a powerful electric lighting and heating installation.

A third car carries a laundry outfit capable of handling 600 pounds of soiled linen at a time.

The fourth is the drying van.

The fifth carries the installation for douches, disinfection, destruction of vermin, sterilizing of drinking water, shelter tanks and so on. Eighty men can be doused at a time.

Only three hours are required to set up these installations in a state to render efficient hospital service to a whole army division.

department of the National Civic Federation.

"In 1914 when the war broke out," said Miss Robinson Smith, "many of our 10,000 active depositors, who had lost their positions, turned to us for help. An organization which was practically a parent to most of the girls was the natural source of supply to which they came not only in time of fortune but in time of misfortune."

"On September 1, therefore, just twenty-seven days after war had been declared, the vacation committee opened a free employment bureau. As it was found that many of these girls who had previously earned good wages, and were by no means charity cases, had been made practically destitute, it was further decided to open temporary work rooms, where a tide-over wage of 75 cents a day could be paid for garments made for the European emergency hospitals and war refugees."

"This was the beginning of the Vacation War Relief Committee, and the larger start to a fund which has since provided not only food and clothing, but hospital bases to the French army."

**Work of Bureau.**

"Since the Employment Bureau was opened over 4,500 have registered and positions have been found for approximately 2,382. In the work room over 1,700 girls have been employed and have made a total of over \$7,000 garments. In order to support the work rooms it has been necessary to dispose of the garments. An order department was therefore formed, and up to the date 1,500 orders have been received, amounting to about \$12,000. These orders have been shipped directly to Europe for the convalescent soldiers and war refugees."

"A great number of other organizations have co-operated with this committee, and every possible avenue of approach has been employed

in raising funds for the purchase of hospital materials for the French soldiers at the front."

"The subcommittee in which I am most interested today is the Flotilla Committee organized for the purpose of raising funds necessary for the purchase of the new motor formations or flotillas."

"Although the efforts of the Flotilla Committee funds have been collected and remitted to France for formations or fleets of five cars each, one flotilla cares for a whole army division of 15,000 men in action. The French army alone counts more than 100 divisions, and the number of these flotillas is as yet but few."

"Edith Wharton, who is now in France, and who has given her time and attention to this work, said in a recent letter:

"My visits to the second line ambulances have shown me the urgent

Miss Robinson Smith outlines Bureau's Work in Giving Employment to Needy Here in Garment Work for European Emergencies.

necessity of putting at once into the field as many as possible of these light detachments."

**Mitigate Suffering.**

"Nothing else can help in the same degree to mitigate the awful sufferings on the fighting line. The hospitals near the front are installed either in farm houses or in earth huts built, and the trenches and heating and lighting are almost primitive. Operations are often performed by candle light, and the arrangements for sterilizing and washing, where they exist, are mere makeshifts."

"But it is not necessary, continued Miss Smith, after reading the letter, "to go into a detail of what is happening in France today. The magazines are telling the stories of the horrors enacted there. What we want now are flotillas of five cars each, provided with hospital equipment capable of being set up within three hours. The materials are carried on light cars especially adapted for travel on narrow rough roads."

"The concert which Madame Calve gives next Thursday is a benefit for the purpose of buying these flotillas. It is safe to say that no other form of aid which can be given France is more directly beneficial than this."

All contributions may be sent to Miss Robinson Smith, 38 West Thirty-ninth street, New York City.

## Free Play For Children

A Plea For Some of the Joys of Childhood, Which Older People Are Prone to Always Taboo.

By V. M. HILLIER.

(The Child Training) Century Co.

**P**LAYING and jumping on a spring bed are forms of athletic amusement that delight the child's heart. But they are tabooed not because there is any harm in them themselves, but because they may do harm to the furniture. But the harmful element may be extracted and the joy still remain.

A child likes to walk a railway track, he will prefer it every time to the path alongside. Take him out for an afternoon stroll and if there is a wall alongside the road he will

be sure to choose the wall to walk on. Leave him alone in the back yard and if he can climb to the top of the fence he will soon be walking along it, in imitation of the cat. These are exercises in poise and balance and bring into play muscles that should be co-ordinated and developed. The menace of a train or a tumble from the fence makes the child's desire for this form of exercise in most cases prohibitive, but have a rail in the home, yard or school for him to provide a low, a very low imitation fence and, the danger being eliminated, the maximum physical good is obtained by allowing him to follow his natural impulses.

What boy can resist kicking a stray tin can or bursting a paper bag? Elevate the tin can and when he kicks it he kicks his leg muscles into development.

What child can naturally refrain from striking any ball within reach? He loves to see or hear the results of his activity. Make him exercise the muscles of his calves in gratifying this natural desire; suspend bells in a row just out of reach and have him run and jump to strike them.

With the first snow fall how many are made by children on the slippery sidewalks and streets, a menace to the pedestrian and an invitation to the householder to spread wax or a dressed plank lay it on the ground and yet provide a slide that the child may use the year round. Care should be taken that the plank lies flat and is fastened down so that it will not swirl around or endanger the slider.

What child has not had to be admonished to jump out of the spring of his bed and why? Only because it worked injury to the spring or soiled the bedding. Give him an old mattress for his playground, or if this is not feasible, fasten a strong but springy plank at each end to a low support and he may imitate a grasshopper or bullfrog to his heart's content.

**Making It All Right.**

Katherine and Margaret found themselves seated next to each other at a dinner party and immediately became confidential.

"Milk," said she, "you told her that I told you not to tell her," whispered Margaret.

"Oh, isn't she a mean thing?" gasped Katherine. "Why, I told her not to tell you."

"Well," returned Margaret, "I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me—so don't tell her I did."—Everybody.

**They Should Worry.**

"There are burglars in the pantry eating all my pies," said an alarmed wife trying to wake her sleeping husband.

"What do we care?" mumbled her husband half asleep, "as long as they don't die in the house?"—Grit.

**Enter Feeble Protest.**

Agitated by his cousin's vehemence I protested feebly.

"But I mean it," she said. "The question as to choosing things, as to determining things for oneself, is less dreary than many of us think. I know it takes time, and an endless amount of patience to talk over this question of clothes with my daughter; I do not believe I spend more money than a number of my friends who go shopping for their daughters rather than with them."

"I know that I would rather do it, and feel that Jane knows just what her clothes are costing her father, and why brown is more becoming to her coloring than green. Deliberately once or twice lately, as she is becoming older, I have let her make mistakes, just to show her that if she does so she abides by the consequences."

"I'm not sure that it would work in all cases," I remarked at I said good-by to my cousin.

"Neither am I," asserted Jane

## Jane, Aged Ten, Buys Her Own Clothes

Training in Vexed Problem of Selection of Clothes, Companions, and Vocation Prevents Costly Mistakes Without Relaxation of Discipline—A Mother's Position.

By LAURA CLAWSON.

**I** MET my cousin's Virginia at her home the other morning, with her ten-year-old daughter, as like herself that it took me back in a flash to the time when her mother and I were just that age. The face and eyes were so much the same, but the clothes were different, oh so different.

"Jane," I said, "as I joined them in their walk to the shopping district," Jane, do you remember our plaid dresses?"

I had not thought of those dreadful garments for years, but the sight of another Jane who must be just about the age her mother and I were when those dreadful garments were introduced upon us had brought them to mind.

"Do I remember them?" Jane asked, smiling. I remember them so vividly, this I'm doing what I can to save my own daughter from the anguish the wearing of that awful dress gave me, and I'm sure she is on our way down town this morning to buy clothes, and you may guess if you have nothing better to do."

I knew Jane had theories about the raising of her daughter, but I had not heard her express herself on this particular point.

"I'm something of a theorist myself when it comes to ten-year-old girls, so naturally rearranging my morning I said I'd be glad to trail along."

**Jane Buys Her Shoes.**

When we reached the department store my cousin began putting her theories into practice.

"Jane has decided that she will have tan shoes this time," said her mother, "see how I've talked it over and she realizes that she will be more comfortable if she has sensible walking shoes than if she spends her money on a thin pair of dress shoes."

So to the shoe department we took our way.

"I like these, Mother," announced young Jane, "they fit me, and I like what we said we'd pay."

I noticed that beyond her mere preference the child's mother had taken no actual part in the transaction, she had only been there to pay for them, save the address, and there was no discussion about it.

"They are just the right color," Jane said, "they are just the right color," Mother, she said, "don't let's waste any more time, I like the color, but you know best about the color."

Young Jane has an appointment with the doctor at 11, so she left us

## A Few Easy Recipes

**Bread Sticks.**

One yeast cake dissolved in one-half cup water, 1 cup milk, one-fourth cup butter, one tablespoon sugar, white of one egg, three and three-fourth cups of flour. Salt.

Mix ingredients well together. Let raise, shape into sticks about five inches long and let raise again. Bake in hot oven until nearly done, then reduce the heat so as to make the sticks dry and crisp.

**Stuffed Lamb Chops.**

Make a forcemeat of six tablespoons of soft bread crumbs, two and one-half tablespoons of chopped cooked ham, two and one-half tablespoons chopped mushrooms, two tablespoons of melted butter. Have the lamb chops cut about one inch thick. Make gashes in each chop, fill with the forcemeat. Roast in a pan about twenty minutes and serve on toast.

**Sweetbread Salad.**

Parboil a pair of sweetbreads. Drain, cool, and cut in dice. Mix with an equal quantity of sliced cucumbers and celery. Dress with a dressing of oil, vinegar, salt, and pepper. Garnish with paprika, and serve with lettuce.

**Popovers.**

Beat the yolks of three eggs until very light; add one pint of milk. Sift one pint of flour with two teaspoons of baking powder; add one-half teaspoon of salt and the whites of the eggs, beaten to a stiff froth. Mix all ingredients well and bake in hot buttered gem pans.

**Swiss Peach Custard.**

Line a well buttered baking dish with slices of sponge cake, and cover with one small can of sliced peaches. Make a baked custard of three eggs, one pint of milk, and one cup of sugar, flavored with vanilla extract, and pour over the cake. Bake for twenty minutes. Beat

**Book Reviews**

**THE HUNDRETH WAVE.** By Charles Standen. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr & Co. Price, \$1.50 net.

A dreary, badly written so-called novel, exploiting another scheme of religion.

**THE SINS OF THE FATHERS.** Mary R. Hyde. New York: Scribner, Freeman & Co. Price, \$1.50 net.

A clean, wholesome story for boys about a boy in his sophomore year at college.

**AMERICA IN JAPAN.** Edited by Emory Ross. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price, \$1.25 net.

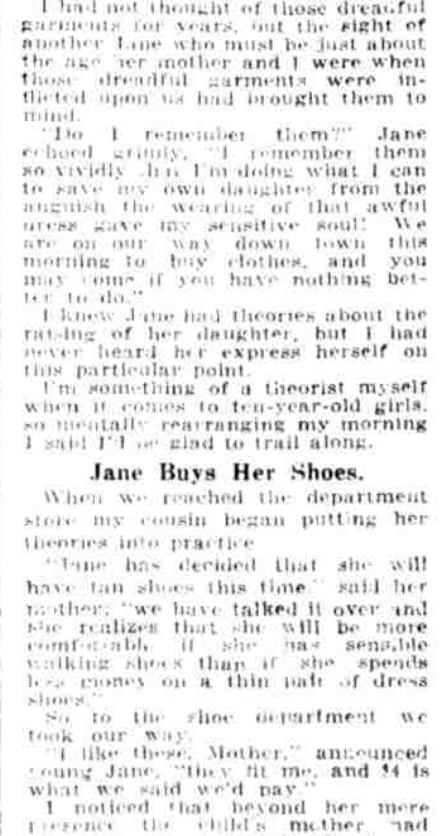
Mr. Russell, who is president of the Japan Society here, presents a series of papers by experts in their own field, having most of the leading on questions of interest to both America and Japan.

The safety-first idea has been embodied in a handbook for use by children. It may be obtained from the Safety-First Federation of America, Inc., 130 East Thirty-ninth street, New York City. Price 35 cents.

**A CATECHISM OF DREAMS.** By Julia C. Caine. Boston: Sherman, French & Co. Price, \$1.00.

A collection of poems, some of which have appeared in the magazines.

## Daily Fashion Suggestion



**H**ERE is a sort of wardrobe that is well to be seen over and over again.

The skirt of the coat is lined with a soft, downy material, and the back is cut in one with a panel extending from the neck to the hem.

The blouse opens at the side and the long known sleeves are gathered into cuffs of white lace.

An upstanding collar of the same lace fits the neck line.

About the waist there is a narrow belt ornamented with two rows of small buttons.

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## Itching Can Be Relieved By Radium

By DR. L. K. HIRSHBERG.

**T**HOSE who must, perforce, dig their fingers into their skins to rid themselves of that pesky, maddening irritation commonly known as itch, will be consoled to know that there is a new remedy for this torment. It is carnotite, an earth which contains radium.

Some remedies for itch, be it of the momentary or the seven-year variety, may relieve, but the cause of the trouble may remain hidden.

Pain is usually preferable to itching. Torture, however, beside which the range of the Irritation would be as a bed of roses. When you have an itch your instinct is to scratch. All animals are endowed with the same impulse. They know what itching is, and they dig and tear the flesh in vain effort to find relief. There is, physically, no more pleasant sensation than a gentle scratch to relieve itching. Indeed, many people obtain a curious gratification by scratching their backs.

They are not conscious of any itching, but the entire surface of the body is covered with a fine, pleasant itching, which, in turn, is relieved with a sense of gratification by the next few scratches. If scratching is kept up beyond this point it becomes unpleasant and even obnoxious.

The secret of recovery from itch is to discover with scientific precision what the cause is, and then remove it. Itching differs in individuals according to race, sex, skin, inheritance and other conditions. Moreover, the outward signs of itching may vary in the same two groups of individuals.

**Scratch—Mark Diagnosis.**

It is also possible to determine within limits what the cause of itching is by a study of the scratch marks. Long scratch marks with scaly crusts point to lice, while short, isolated scratch marks with whitish pus are associated with contagious scabies, or the little itchy bug which burrows into the skin.

In mild eczema, spread all over the skin, distinct marks are left by the finger nails. These are entirely different from hives. In mild conditions of jaundice, even though the skin and membranes are yellow, the lemon or brownish yellow tinge, there is generalized itching without any outward signs of the trouble.

The part of the body affected, whether it is on the arms, legs, thighs or face, helps to indicate the cause. Poison ivy is apt to be on the back of the neck and hands. Scabies start between the fingers, but often escape notice until present on the abdomen and other places. Pediculosis shows itself on the thighs, neck and inner surface of the arms.

There are also numerous other irritants, such as oils, poison ivy and dyes. Perforation at times causes itching. Fruits, tomatoes, crabs, oysters, mushrooms, lobsters and many kinds of vegetables cause itching in some individuals at certain times. This may or may not be accompanied by hives, patches and various eruptions of the flesh.

**Establish the Cause.**

An itchy sensation accompanies the healing of many wounds and sores, which is supposed to augur well for the outcome of the trouble. As a matter of fact, the healing tissues, as well as invading bacteria, cause itching. Itching, seize hold of the ends of the nerve fibers and thus set up the itching which goes along with both the beginning and the ends of skin infections.

To relieve this distressing condition the cause must first be ascertained, the diet changed, and the correct internal treatment established. Hydrotherapeutic treatments and local applications, such as calamine lotion and carbolite plasters, are usually effective remedies.

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**PERSONAL ADVICE.**

Readers desiring advice should remember:

1. To address inquiries to Dr. L. K. Hirschberg, care of The Washington Times.

2. To enclose a stamped and addressed envelope if a personal reply is desired.

**MY TIRED FEET**

**ACHED FOR "TIZ"**

Let your sore, swollen, aching feet spread out in a bath of "Tiz."

Just take your shoes off and then put those weary, shoe-crushed, aching, burning, corn-pestered, blunton-tortured feet of yours in a "Tiz" bath. Your toes will wriggle with joy; they'll look up at you and almost talk and then they'll take another dive in that "Tiz" bath.

When your feet feel like lumps of lead—all tired out—just try "Tiz." It's grand—it's glorious. Your feet will dance with joy; also you will find all pain gone from corns, calluses, and bunions.

There's nothing like "Tiz." It's the only remedy that takes out all the poisonous excretions which put your feet out of action for so long.

Get a box of "Tiz" at any drug or department store. Ask the saleswoman to show you how to use it. How long your feet get, how comfortable your shoes feel. You can wear shoes a size smaller if you desire.—Adv.

**Embarrassing Hairs Can Be Quickly Removed**

(Beauty Culture)

It is not as easily done as it looks. It is not a skin by this quick, harmless method. Mix into a stiff paste some powder, a delicate and water, spread on the surface, and in 2 or 3 minutes rub off with the skin and it will be free from hair or blemish. Excepting in very stubborn growths, one application is sufficient. To avoid disappointment, buy the delicate in an original package. —Adv.

## NOSE AND HEAD STOPPED UP FROM COLD OR CATARRH, OPEN AT ONCE

**My Cleansing, Healing Balm Instantly Clears Nose, Head and Throat—Stops Nasty Catarrhal Discharges—Dull Headache Goes.**

Get "Eli's Cream Balm."

Try a small bottle anyway, just to try it. Apply a little in the nostrils and instantly your clogged nose and stopped-up air passages of the head will open, you will breathe freely,

dullness and headache disappear. By morning the catarrh, cold-in-head or catarrhal sore throat will be gone.

End such misery now! Get the small bottle of "Eli's Cream Balm" at any drug store. This sweet fragrant balm dissolves the heat of the nostrils, penetrates and heals the inflamed swollen membrane which lines the nose, head and throat; clears the air passages; stops nasty discharges and a feeling of cleansing, soothing relief comes immediately.

Don't lay awake tonight struggling for breath, with head stuffed, nostrils closed, having a howling, howling attack of a cold, with its pumping nose, foul mucus dripping into the throat, and raw, dryness is distressing but truly needless.

Put your faith just once in "Eli's Cream Balm" and your cold or catarrh will surely disappear.—Adv.